

ERSKINE DALE PIONEER

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

WHITE ARROW, a boy of fifteen, escapes from the Shawnee Indians, by whom he has been reared, and takes refuge in a settler's stockade in the "dark and bloody" ground of Pre-Revolutionary Kentucky. He states that he was captured in infancy and that his mother, taken prisoner with him, was killed.

The Indians attack the fort and a Virginian, mortally wounded, recognizes White Arrow as his son. White Arrow's real name is Erskine Dale. DAVE YANDELL, a pioneer, acts as guardian and sends Erskine to Red Oaks, the great Dale plantation on the River James. Erskine is kindly received by his father's younger brother, COLONEL DALE, and by his cousins, BARBARA and HARRY.

GO ON WITH THE STORY

"I wish you'd come along," Barbara laughed. "I wouldn't like to lose my hair." "I'll watch out for that," said the boy with much confident gravity that Barbara turned to look at him. "I believe you would," she murmured.

Everybody had gathered for the noonday dinner when they swung around the great trees and up to the back porch. Just as they were starting in the Kentucky boy gave a cry and darted down the path. A towering figure in coonskin cap and hunter's garb was snatched at the sun-dial and looking toward them.

They saw the tall stranger stare wonderingly at the boy and throw back his head and laugh. Then the two came on together. The boy was still flushed but the hunter's face was grave.

"This is Dave," said the boy simply. "Dave Yandell," added the stranger, smiling and taking off his cap. "I've been at Williamsburg to register some lands and I thought I'd come and see how this young man is getting along."

Colonel Dale went quickly to meet him with outstretched hand. That night the subject of Hugh and Harry going back home with the two Kentuckians was broached to Colonel Dale, and to the wondering delight of the two boys both fathers seemed to consider it favorably.

The boy pined Dave with questions about the people in the wilderness and passed to sleep. Dave lay awake a long time thinking that war was sure to come. They were Americans now, said Colonel Dale, not Virginians, just as nearly a century later the same people were to say: "We are not Americans now—we are Virginians."

VII It was a merry cavalcade that swung around the great oaks that spring morning in 1774. Two coaches with ourriouzes and postillions led the way—the older ladies in the first coach, and the second blossoming with flower-like faces and starred with dancing eyes. Booted and spurred, the gentlemen rode behind, and after them rolled the baggage-wagons, drawn by mules in jingling harness. Harry on a chestnut sorrel and the young Kentuckian on a high-stepping gray followed the second coach—Hugh on Firefly champed the length of the column. Colonel Dale and Dave brought up the rear.

The cavalcade halted before a building with a leaden bust of Sir Walter Raleigh over the main doorway, the old Raleigh Tavern. In the Apollo Room of which Mr. Jefferson had captiously dined with the Belinda. Both coaches were quickly surrounded by bowing gentlemen, young gallants, and frolicsome students. Dave, the young Kentuckian, and Harry would be put up at the tavern, and, for his own reasons, Hugh elected to stay with them.

Inside the tavern Hugh was soon surrounded by fellow students. He pressed Dave and the boy to drink with them, but Dave laughingly declined and took the lad up to their

room. Below they could hear Hugh's merriest going on, and when Hugh came upstairs a while later his face was flushed. With him came a youth of his own age with dazed eyes and a suave manner, one Dane Grey, to whom Harry gave scant greeting. One patronizing look from the stranger toward the Kentucky boy and within the latter a fire of antagonism was instantly kindled. With a word after the two went out, Harry snorted his explanation: "Toby!"

That morning news came from New England that set the town a-quiver. England's answer to the Boston tea-party had been the closing of Boston harbor. In the House of Burgesses, the news was met with a burst of indignation. In the middle of the afternoon my lord's coach swung from his great yard and made for the capital—my lord erect and haughty, his lips set with the resolution to crush the spirit of the rebellion.

It was a notable scene, for Nicholas, Bland, Lee, Harrison, Pendleton, Henry, Jefferson and Washington were there.

The Burgesses were to give a great ball in his honor that very night, and now he was come to dissolve them. And dissolve them he did. They bowed gravely and with no protest. Shaking with anger my lord stalked to his coach and six while they repaired to the Apollo Room to prohibit the use of tea and propose a general congress of the colonies.

And that ball came to pass. Haughty hosts received their haughty guests with the finest and gravest courtesy, bent low over my lady's hand, danced with her daughters, and wrung from my lord's reluctant lips the one grudging word of comment: "Gentlemen!"

The two backwoodsmen were dazzled by the brilliance of it all, for the boy had stood with Barbara, who had been allowed to look on for a while.

Before Barbara was sent home Hugh and Dane Grey came in with an exaggeration of dignity and politeness that fooled few others than themselves. Hugh, catching Barbara's sad and reproachful glance, did not dare go near her, but Dane made straight for her side when he entered the room—and bowed with great gallantry. To the boy he paid no attention whatever, and the latter, fired with indignation and hate, turned hastily away. The half-overlooking and wholly contemptuous glance that Grey had shot over his head had stung him like a knife-cut, so like an actual knife indeed that without knowing it his right hand was then fumbling at his belt. Erskine left and went back to the tavern and up to his room. Then with his knife in his belt he went down again and waited on the porch. All night long he was coming back from the party and it was not long before he saw Hugh and Dane Grey half-stumbling up the steps. Erskine rose. Grey confronted the lad dully for a moment and then straightened. "Here's another one wants to fight," he said thickly. "My young friend, I will oblige you anywhere with anything, at any time—except

tonight. You must regard that as great honor, for I am not accustomed to fight with savages."

And he waved the boy away with such an insolent gesture that the lad, knowing no other desire than to have an enemy that he could kill in any way possible, snatched his knife from his belt. He heard a cry of surprise and horror from Hugh and a huge hand caught his upturned wrist. "Put it back!" said Dave sternly. "The dazed boy obeyed and Dave led him upstairs."

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The matter came to a head shortly after their arrival. The boy was standing behind the box-hedge near the steps and Barbara had just appeared in the doorway. "What was the trouble?" Colonel Dale asked.

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At the moment, the boy caught sight of Barbara. Her eyes, filled with scorn, met his in one long, sad, withering look, and she turned noisily back into the house.

He knew at last what he had done. Nothing was said to him when he came to the house and that night he scarcely opened his lips. In silence he went to bed and next morning he was gone.

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An hour later all were ready, and at the last moment Firefly was led in, saddled and bridled, and with a leading halter around his neck.

"Harry," said Colonel Dale, "carry your cousin my apologies and give him Firefly on condition that he ride him back some day. Tell him this home is his!"—the speaker halted, but went on gravely and firmly—"whenever he pleases."

"And give him my love," said Barbara, holding back her tears.

At that hour the boy far over in the wilderness ahead of them had shot a squirrel that he had shot for his breakfast and was gnawing it to the bones. Soon he rose and at a trot sped on toward his home beyond the Cumberland. And with him etched with acid on the steel of his brain, sped two images—Barbara's face as he last saw it and the face of young Dane Grey.

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Peltz Buys Vaughn Property at Consideration of \$25,000

A. E. Peltz, wholesale grocer living at 1716 Florence av., Wednesday became the owner of the Kessler bldg., residence of Dr. F. V. Vaughn at a consideration said to have been approximately \$25,000. The Vaughn residence is one of the most beautiful and modern homes in the city, a nine room structure of the colonial type. The deal was made through the Davies and Walsh agency.

Calvin Stertzach, entrepreneur, graduate of University School of Davenport and Ross School of Fort Wayne, has opened offices at 521 N. Main st.

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Many to Compete Here in Swimming Meet for Medal

Can you swim 20 yards, carrying a person your own weight? Or can you swim 50 yards and remove your clothing before touching shore? Do you know a method of resuscitation? Sixteen scouts of the local troops have earned life saving badges, which means that they must be able to do the things mentioned besides passing several other requirements such as demonstrating three methods of releasing the death grip, and bringing heavy objects to the surface of the water.

Tests such as these will be given Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, when the scout masters and scouts of this city, Notre Dame and nearby towns, hold their life-saving meet at the Y. M. C. A.

Examinations will be conducted under the direction of Capt. W. F. Clyne, Red Cross life savor of the Lake division in Cleveland. He will be remembered by students of the High school and others as having been here last year when he gave a number of demonstrations.

Medal Big Honor

Tests for the Red Cross life saving medal will be given at the meet to a number of students from Notre Dame university. There are 14 requirements, which include carrying a person 240 feet, different methods of breaking grips, resuscitation (practice), resuscitation, (theory), lifting person from tank or onto float unassisted, correct approach of drowning person, etc.

"Any one should be proud to own a life saving medal," said Scout Executive Taylor, who, with George Cooper of the Y. M. C. A., is arranging the program for the meet. "It entails some mighty useful information. We are expecting enthusiastic participation in the meet of a large number of scouts."

Mrs. Neff Opens Campaign to Plant Memorial Trees

Organization of Elkhart county with regard to the planting of memorial trees along the Lincoln highway was started Tuesday evening when Mrs. J. E. Neff, in charge of the campaign in South Bend, spoke at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce in Elkhart.

Over 75 interested people were present to hear the methods that were used in St. Joseph county. Much interest was manifested at the facts presented by Mrs. Neff, and she was called upon to answer a number of questions.

It is planned to begin the planting of trees at the St. Joseph county line and to continue their planting across Elkhart county.

RIES' FEBRUARY SALE

This year's February Clearance Sale presents for your approval the very best Quality Furniture back at PRE-WAR Prices. Full-sized bed davenports in genuine leather, \$65; beds of brass steel or iron reduced, floor lamps with silk shades, \$11.49 and up. These and many other bargains in Bedroom and Dining Room suites await you. Convenient terms.

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Match Boxes Special, 2 for 9c Red Enamelled Match Boxes. A good 10c value.	Talcum Powder 2 Cans 29c Mennen's and Williams' Talcum, the kind everybody knows about and generally sells at 25c a can.	Front Lace Corsets \$2.50 Value at \$1.49 Medium bust and long skirt, in white only, sizes 23 to 30.
Crochet Cotton 10c Value, 2 for 9c Odd lot of Buccella Crochet Cotton—formerly 10c a ball.	Children's Gloves 75c Value 39c Boys' and Girls' Woolen Gloves in navy and brown.	Women's Cape Gloves \$3.75 Value, Pair \$1.89 These Washable Cape Gloves are excellent values.
Toilet Soap Values to 15c at 9c One lot of Toilet Soap that sold up to 15c.	Woodbury's Soap Box of 3 Bars 49c This well known Facial Soap sells at 25c a bar—here you get 3 for 49c.	Men's Wool Suits Extreme Value \$2.19 These Men's Wool Union Suits are "seconds" but they are an exceptional value at this price.
Children's Hose 15c Value, Pair 9c Boys' and Girls' Cotton Ribbed Hose.	Dress Materials 75c Value, Yard 59c One lot of Materials in checks and plain colors—36 inches wide.	Blouse Special Values to \$10.00 at \$2.39 One lot of Silk Blouses and Wool Jersey Overblouses; big value.
Shoe Dressing 15c Value at 9c French Gloss Shoe Dressing for black shoes.	Women's Vests \$1.00 Value 69c Sleeveless and long sleeves, broken line of sizes.	Children's Sweaters \$5.95 Value at \$2.39 One small lot of Children's Wool Sweaters in plain colors.
Toilet Articles 25c Value 19c Woodbury's Cold Cream, Powder and Vanishing Cream. Williams' Dental Cream and Vanishing Cream—Palm Olive Talcum and Ideal Compact Rouge and Powder; 25c articles; choice, 19c.	Men's Underwear \$1.25 Garments 79c Men's Cotton Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, each 79c.	Men's Pajamas Formerly \$4.50, Suit \$2.89 Fine quality Outing Flannel Pajamas, the kind men like.
Laundry Soap 4 Bars 19c Fels Naptha, P and G White Naptha and Velvet, 4 bars, 19c.	Spring Dress Goods Special, Yard 79c New Spring Checks in a variety of color combination.	Corset Special \$4.50, \$5.00 Value \$2.99 Front and back lace, in pink and white, not all sizes in each style.
Jap Rose Soap 3 Bars 19c Jap Rose Soap, sells at 10c a bar, here you get it at 3 bars for 19c.	Kimono Silk \$1.25 Value 89c 36-inch Kimono Silk in dark patterns.	Women's Handkerchiefs 75c Value, Box 59c Dainty colored embroidery Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box—they formerly sold at 75c.
Combination Waist and Hose Supporters 50c Value 19c Children's Combination Supporters, formerly 50c value.	Women's Outing Gowns Very Special 89c In pink and blue stripe; an excellent value.	Children's Bath Robes \$1.98 Value at \$1.49 In dainty color combinations; they were specially priced at \$1.98.
Jewelry 50c Value 19c One lot of Broches, Clasps and etc., formerly 50c value.	Boys' Night Shirts \$1.50 Value 89c Boys' Outing Flannel Night Shirts in neat stripes.	\$4.99 Is A Small Price For Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts But as small as it may seem we are selling out a broken line of Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts and you can choose one Thursday at \$4.99.
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10 Ounce Bars Luna Laundry Soap, 10 Bars for 39c